

House Bill 554 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the Civil Court of Richmond County, approved August 28, 1931 (Ga. L. 1931, p. 270), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 10, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3508), so as to provide for the election and terms of the marshal of the Civil Court of Richmond County; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act creating the Civil Court of Richmond County, approved August 28, 1931 (Ga. L. 1931, p. 270), as amended, particularly by an Act approved February 10, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 3508), is amended by revising Section 10A as follows:

**"SECTION 10A.**

(a) The provisions of Section 10 of this Act or any other provision of law notwithstanding, the person serving as marshal of the Civil Court of Richmond County on January 1, 2007, shall continue to serve as such for the remainder of his or her term expiring December 31, 2009, except in case of vacancy created by death, resignation, or disqualification, in which event a special election to fill such vacancy for the remainder of such term may be called and held as provided by general law.

(b) The successor to the marshal serving as provided in subsection (a) of this section shall be elected at an election held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2009, shall take office on January 1, 2010, and shall serve a term of office ending on December 31, 2012. Thereafter, the marshal of the Civil Court of Richmond County shall be elected at the general election held in November, 2012, and quadrennially thereafter by the qualified voters of Richmond County for a term of office of four years beginning January 1 following such election and until the election and qualification of a successor.

(c) All elections under this section shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis, without a primary, and as provided by Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A. All persons elected to

1 the office of marshal of the Civil Court of Richmond County under the provisions of this  
2 section shall be elected by majority vote.

3 (d) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, all persons serving as marshal of said  
4 court under the provisions of this section shall have the authority to manage the affairs of  
5 said office and to name their deputies who shall hold said office at the pleasure of the  
6 marshal."

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.